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ROMAN WATER LAW. Translated from the Pandects of Justinian by Eugene F. Ware. St. Paul: West Publishing Company. 1905. pp. 160. 8vo.

This is an interesting monograph on the subject of the Roman law concerning fresh water. It is composed of excerpts from the *Corpus Juris Civilis* (particularly the Digest), which bear in any way upon this subject. Primarily it is a literal translation of these excerpts. This material from the Roman law has been arranged by the author in the following topics: Rivers, Rain Water, Springs, Drip, Waterworks, Sewers, Reservoirs, Irrigation, Water-Rights, Right of Way, and the appropriate remedies and procedure of the civil law as to them. It is an advantageous contribution to the literature on Roman law.

It is supplemented by the Spanish law on the same subject as found in the *Siete Partidas*, which was the law of Spain when America was discovered, and which underlies the modern Mexican law upon this subject. Students of legal history in Louisiana and certain of the southwestern states should welcome this addition of the author to the proper scope of his work.

The author's introduction of fifteen pages is an ambitious effort. It notices the point of contact between certain American states and the civil law, discusses the codification of the Roman law by the Emperor Justinian, and gives some interesting data as to the possible influence of Assyrian, Persian, and Egyptian law on Roman water law. Furthermore, it contains what is found in the works of the French civilian, Domat, and in the French Civil Code, relative to the same subject, — a feature which would have come more logically in the supplemental posterior portion of the book.

C. P. S.

FOIBLES OF THE BENCH. By Henry S. Wilcox. Chicago: Legal Literature Company. pp. 144. 8vo.

There is small attraction to be found in this book, which is filled with chapters devoted to the delinquencies of our judiciary. The choice of the means used to point out these defects is not happy, and perhaps has resulted in the loss of what might have been an amusing satire. But attempts at wit, bitter and venomous, are not productive of any of the results the author could wish, nor does the ridicule of personal features of the fictitious judges held up for judgment aid in scoring the point he desires. The absence of personalities in the latter chapters leaves a pleasanter taste, and especially makes the general remarks on judicial needs more convincing, but where the needs are admittedly the greatest the author's lack of power of expression is the most noticeable. The press work is not a recommendation for the book.

M. F.

AN UNABRIDGED TABLE OF CITATIONS OF CASES IN THE WISCONSIN REPORTS. Compiled by B. K. Miller. Privately Printed. pp. 804. 8vo.

In this work all citations of Wisconsin cases (up to and including the 126th volume of Wisconsin reports) have been culled from the American and English official reports, including most of the *nisi prius* reports. It also includes many citations from leading periodicals, and references to cases which, though they do not cite Wisconsin cases, are similar in principle. All who deal with Wisconsin law will find this book of great value. It gives the means of ascertaining the standing of any particular case, and points the way to fresh authority. It is to be hoped that a similar work will be brought out in other states.

THE REMINISCENCES OF SIR HENRY HAWKINS, BARON BRAMPTON. Edited by Richard Harris. London: Edward Arnold. 1905. pp. xi, 358. 8vo.

This volume is a welcome relaxation from more serious legal contemplations, and makes a most cheering companion to the blazing logs of a winter's fire. We are soon friends with the author, and as we laugh at his predicaments and his escapes from them and enjoy his anecdotes, we see England, its life and

its manners, in the early part of the last century. Nor do we grow weary, for the Baron's experiences throughout his career seem to have been as many and as diversified as his progress at the bar was successful. With many well-known trials do we become more familiar, and the author can well be pardoned evidence of occasional self-satisfaction in the happy issue to which he almost always brought them. But the accounts of examinations and cross-examinations are not limited to his own; the brilliance of contemporaries is shown. The history of the Tichborne case and the part Sir Henry took in the *dénouement* of that astounding deception are especially interesting.

M. F.

A TREATISE ON THE LAW OF MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS. By Howard S. Abbott. Vol. III. St. Paul: Keefe-Davidson Company. 1906. pp. xvi, 1981-3045. 8vo.

NEW ENGLAND TOWN LAW: a Digest of Statutes and Decisions concerning Towns and Town Officers. By James S. Garland. Boston: The Boston Book Company. 1906. pp. xxxi, 900. 8vo.

FOIBLES OF THE BENCH. By Henry S. Wilcox. Chicago: Legal Literature Company. 1906. pp. 144. 8vo.

STUDIES IN AMERICAN JURISPRUDENCE. By Theodore F. C. Demarest. New York: The Banks Law Publishing Company. 1906. pp. xviii, 359. 8vo.

FEDERAL RATE BILL, IMMUNITY ACT, AND NEGLIGENCE LAW, of 1906. Annotated by F. N. Judson. Chicago: T. H. Flood & Company. 1906. pp. 40. 8vo.